

Application No.: 09/811,111
Amendment dated: October 2, 2006
Office Action dated: May 2, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Clayton N. Esterson, hereinafter ("Esterson"), US Pat. No. 6,633,583. Claims 1 and 13 are amended.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication claims 2-12 and 14-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and claims 25-27 are allowable in their present form. *See* Office Action dated 5/2/2006, paragraph 5. As such, independent claim 1 is rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2, and is therefore allowable in its present form. Independent claim 13 is rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 14, and is therefore allowable in its present form. Dependent claims 3-12 and 15-24 are allowable as depending from allowable base claims.

For at least the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 975-7500 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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